

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2008

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### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1003

Introduced by: Representatives Hunt, Ahlers, Bradford, Buckingham, Carson, Cutler, Davis, Dreyer, Engels, Gilson, Gosch, Hackl, Halverson, Hargens, Haverly, Hills, Howie, Jerke, Kirkeby, Lucas, Miles, Moore, Nelson, Noem, Novstrup (Al), Novstrup (David), Nygaard, Olson (Russell), Peters, Rausch, Rave, Rhoden, Sigdestad, Thompson, Van Norman, Vanneman, and Willadsen and Senators Gant, Abdallah, Albers, Duenwald, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hauge, Jerstad, Knudson, McCracken, Olson (Ed), Smidt (Orville), and Two Bulls

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement.

2 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan enjoy one of the most important economic and  
3 strategic international relationships, and promote a shared faith and respect for freedom,  
4 democracy, and free market principles; and

5 WHEREAS, trade exchange between the United States and Taiwan in 2007 equaled sixty  
6 billion dollars. Taiwan is the ninth largest trading partner of the United States, its ninth largest  
7 export market overall, and the sixth largest customer for United States agriculture products; and

8 WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would encourage greater  
9 innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint technological development,  
10 practical applications, new cooperative ventures, investment expansion, and business  
11 opportunities; and

12 WHEREAS, an operative Taiwan-United States free trade agreement will benefit South



1 Dakota's nonagricultural leading industries, such as: food processing, industrial machinery,  
2 lumber and wood products, electronics goods, metal items, precision instruments, and  
3 transportation equipment industries. Their competitiveness will be significantly enhanced from  
4 tariff and other trade barrier reductions; and

5 WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement will make South Dakota an ideal  
6 place for Taiwan's high-tech businesses to establish a working relationship and partnership in  
7 the areas such as automotive, electronics, biotechnology, communications, and optical industries  
8 with their respective global strategies; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States International Trade Commission recognizes the benefit of  
10 a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement to further boost trade between the two countries  
11 and serve the broader interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
13 Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the  
14 Legislature hereby supports the negotiation of a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement.